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Land Revenue, Survey and Settlement.

Kumki rights of landholders in South Kanara, etc.

* 2408 Q.—MR. D. MANJAYYA HEGGADE : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Special Settlement Officer, No. IV Party, has written a letter to the Commissioner of Land Revenue and Settlement in which he has proposed to take away the Kumki rights of the landholders in South Kanara and elsewhere ;

(b) whether the Government have asked the opinion of the landholders on this matter ; and

(c) whether the Collector has sent any report on that, and if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay it on the table ?

A.—The question of the regulation of Kumki privileges will doubtless be considered in connexion with the resettlement of the district ; but no definite proposals have yet been made so far as the Government are aware.

MR. J. A. SALDANHA :—“ The question asked in clause (a) practically gives information to the Government. I can strongly assert that a letter has been communicated practically to all deputy collectors and other officers asking them to take away the Kumki rights of landholders in my district. I want to know whether this was done ? ”

The hon. MR. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ I think it is very possible that the settlement officer has been discussing this matter with local officials and landlords. But no proposals have been formulated so far as the Government are aware nor is it incumbent on the Government to accept such proposals if made.”

Public Service.

Increase in the number of listed posts.

* 2409 Q.—MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the orders passed on the recommendation of the Lge Commission to raise the number of listed posts to 20 per cent of the superior posts and the action taken in pursuance of such orders, if any ?

A.—Final orders have not yet been received.

Attendance of clerks on holidays and Sundays.

* 2410 Q.—MR. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what orders there are as to attendance of clerks on Sundays and holidays ; and

(b) whether any clerks are compelled by overwork to attend office on such days, and if so, what steps are taken to distribute the work evenly or to increase the establishment required ?

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A.—(a) G.O. No. 917, Public, dated 16th September 1902, contains the orders about Government servants attending offices on Sundays and holidays, and is placed^a on the table.

(b) The Government have no reason to suppose that clerks are compelled by overwork to attend office on such days.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“My enquiry is whether the hon. Member is aware that clerks attend office on Sundays and holidays. On a day on which I happened to go here, I found a number of clerks working including the hon. the Revenue Member.”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“There is nothing in the answer to show that they do not attend. The question was whether they were compelled by over work to attend.”

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“I want to know whether they will attend, if they are not overworked.”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“Certainly, they might.”

Reversions and reductions in the Secretariat.

* 2411 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether there has been any abnormal number of reversions and reductions in any department of the Secretariat, and if so, the reasons therefor?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Industries.

Representation from the Kanara Indian Christian Civil League.

2412 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether Government have received a representation from the Kanara Indian Christian Civil League as to aid to Industries, training of apprentices, coconut pest, etc., and what action has been taken on it?

A.—A representation from the League has been received and it will receive due consideration.

Local Boards.

Observance of holidays in aided schools.

2413 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state with reference to the answer to my question No. 1326 given on 3rd December 1924, as to the observance of holidays in aided schools (including local board schools)—

(a) whether it is a fact that all or several local board schools under the control of the Ponnani Taluk Board were kept open on Good Friday in April last;

(b) whether under the Madras Educational Rules Good Friday and other Easter holidays are not observed in the board schools in the Ponnani taluk;